



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

P. Bentley, et al.

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For: SEAT-MOUNTING SYSTEMS AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 3644

Examiner: T. Dihn

Attorney Docket No. 38398/284438

DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.131)

I, Adrianus W.N. Ruiter, hereby declare that:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified application. I submit this Declaration to present evidence that I and my co-inventor conceived the subject matter of at least claims 1-8 and 12-13 prior to February 20, 2003, the publication date of International Patent Publication No. WO 03/013903 of Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a drawing essentially identical to Figure 1 of the above-identified application. The drawing is dated November 12, 2002 and was prepared on or about that date in the United States in connection with a proposal being submitted by my employer to a major commercial airline.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a drawing essentially identical to Figure 2 of the above-referenced application. The drawing is dated November 13, 2002 and was prepared on or about that date in the United States in connection with




the proposal referenced in the preceding paragraph of this Declaration. Collectively, Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the features recited in at least claims 1-8 and 12-13 of the application.

4. Post-November 2002, I, and persons assisting me, worked diligently to reduce to practice the technology ultimately described in the patent application, which led to our filing a U.S. provisional patent application on March 18, 2003 containing drawings essentially identical to Figures 1 and 2.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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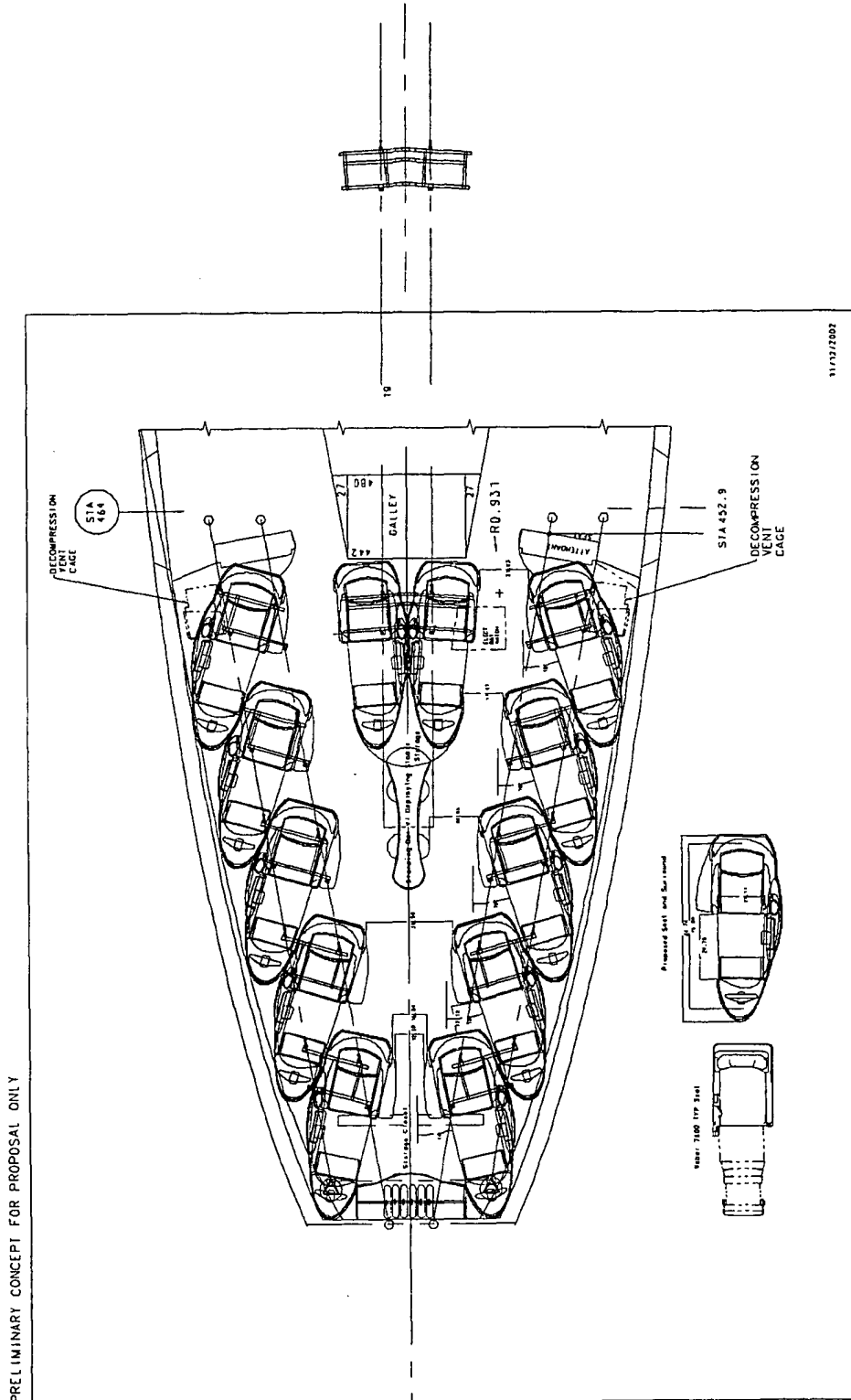
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EXHIBIT 1



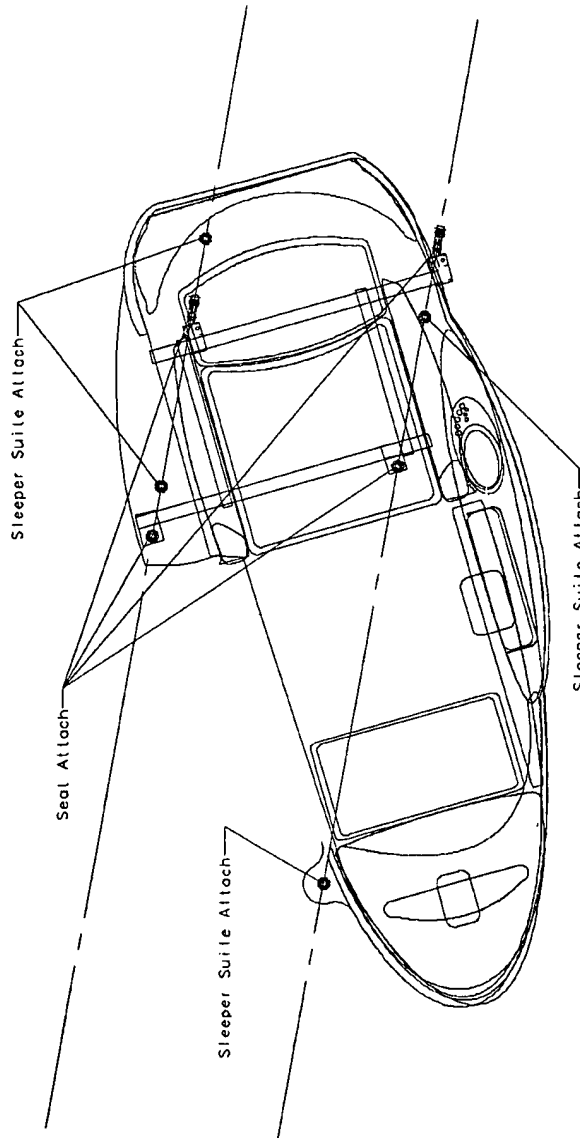
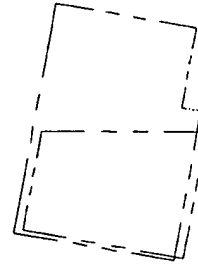
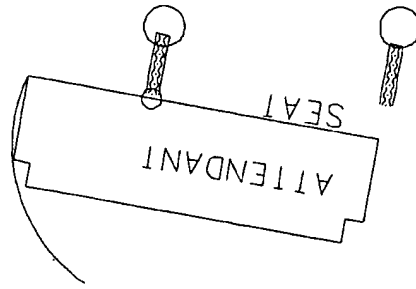
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